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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Examiner: P. B. Kim
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Kazuo IIZUKA et al.)	Group Art Unit: 2851
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Application No.: 10/762,481)	Confirmation No.: 4938
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Filed: January 23, 2004)	Allowed: September 7, 2006
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For: PROJECTION EXPOSURE)	September 22, 2006
APPARATUS	:	

Mail Stop Issue Fee

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

LETTER REQUESTING THAT PREVIOUSLY-PAID ISSUE FEE
BE APPLIED TO ISSUE FEE CURRENTLY DUE

Sir:

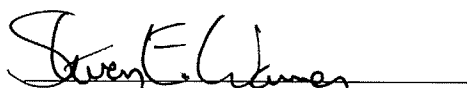
Applicants, having received a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85), mailed September 7, 2006, in the above-identified patent application, hereby submit an Issue Fee Transmittal form. Applicants request that the previously-paid Issue Fee and the fee for the advance order of five (5) patent copies in the amount of \$1,715.00, paid March 31, 2006, be applied towards the Issue Fee and advance patent copy order fee of \$1,715.00, which is currently due. (A copy of a Decision issued by the Office of Petitions on April 11, 2006, is attached wherein the Petitions Examiner indicates that the previously-paid Issue Fee may be re-applied.)

As discussed above, the Issue Fee, the Publication Fee, and the advance patent copy order fee in the amount of \$1,715.00 were previously paid on March 31, 2006. Therefore, Applicants submit that no additional fees are due. Applicants also renew their advance order for five (5) patent copies.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205 should any other fees be deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this paper.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,


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In re Application of :
Kazuo Iizuka et al :
Application No. 10/762,481 : DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: January 23, 2004 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)
Attorney Docket No. 02975.0001131 :

This is a decision on the petition, filed April 7, 2006, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

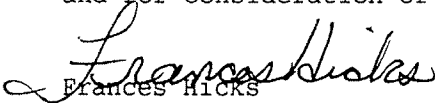
The petition is GRANTED.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on March 31, 2006 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.¹

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3218.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 2851 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement.


Frances Hicks
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

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¹ *The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal Form (along with any balance due at the time of submission), which includes the following language thereon: “The Director of the USPTO is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or to re-apply any previously paid issue fee in the application identified above. Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).*